

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously presented) A method of integrating a third party device into a building control system, the building control system having a workstation running building control system program instructions and a separately housed field panel in communication with the workstation, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a user interface for the input of data regarding a third party device;

accepting data input from the user regarding the third party device through the user interface;

launching an integration tool in response to the data input from the user regarding the third party device;

generating an integration file by the launched integration tool for use by a driver associated with the third party device; and

loading the generated integration file into the separately housed field panel for use by the driver associated with the third party device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of launching an integration tool in response to the data input from the user regarding the third party device comprises launching an application builder.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of generating an integration file by the launched integration tool for use by a driver associated with the third

party device comprises generating an integration file comprising an integration application file.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a user interface for the input of data regarding the third party device includes providing a user interface comprising at least one dialog box for the input of data regarding the third party device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of loading the generated integration file into a field panel for use by the driver associated with the third party device comprises flashing the generated integration file into memory of the field panel.

6. (Previously presented) A building control system comprising:
a workstation running building control system software;
a field panel in electronic communication with, and separately housed from, said workstation via a network; and
a software integration tool configured to generate a database that will run in conjunction with said building control system software and to aid in integrating a third party device into the building control system, said software integration tool operative to a) provide a user interface for the input of data regarding a third party device, b) accept data input from the user regarding the third party device through the user interface, c) launch an application builder in response to the data input from the user regarding the third party device, d) generate

an application file by the launched application builder for use by a driver associated with the third party device, and d) load the generated application file into the field panel for use by the driver associated with the third party device.

7. (Original) The building control system of claim 6, wherein the integration tool is operative to provide a user interface for the input of data regarding the third party device by providing at least one dialog box for the input of data regarding the third party device.

8. (Original) The building control system of claim 6, wherein the integration tool is operative to load the generated application file into said field panel for use by a driver associated with the third party device by flashing the generated application file into memory of the field panel.

9. (Original) The building control system of claim 6, wherein said software integration tool is stored on a computer of a user.

10-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) In a building control system having a workstation and at least one field panel, a method of operating the building control system comprising the steps of:

detecting a user generated modification to a field panel data element by a field panel of the building control system;

storing data regarding the detected user generated modification to the field panel data element;

appending field panel modification data to the data regarding the detected user generated modification to the field panel data element to define stored appended field modification data; and

transmitting, by the field panel, the stored appended field modification data to the workstation.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) The ~~the~~ method of claim 1, wherein providing the user interface for the input of data regarding the third party device comprises providing the user interface workstation. [[;]]